

# Colusa County Children & Families Commission Advisory Council

## Minutes of Public Meeting September 18, 2001

A meeting of the Advisory Council for the Colusa County Children and Families Commission Advisory Council was held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Yuba College Career Resource Center, 570 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Williams, California. 9 members present.

Items discussed and actions taken in accordance with the publicly posted agenda were as follows:

1. Introductions

Colusa County Children and Families Commission Executive Director Charlette Lauppe began the meeting with group introductions.

2. Kit for New Parents Updates

Ms. Lauppe announced that the "Kit for New Parents" was scheduled for debut in Los Angeles on September 25<sup>th</sup>, however, in light of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States, the debut has been postponed until an unspecified date in October. Ms. Lauppe stated that she has ordered 25 additional pilot kits for distribution, in English and Spanish, until the new Kits are released. Ms. Lauppe addressed questions regarding the 800 number that will be released in October with the Kit launch. The 800 number will assist parents of toddlers to request their own kit from the State. She added that the new Helping Us Get Started (HUGS) and Family Start programs will partner with the Colusa County Children and Families Commission to distribute the kits to new parents.

3. Charlette Lauppe, "School Readiness" Presentation

Ms Lauppe gave a Powerpoint presentation on School Readiness and what it means to Colusa County. The presentation focused on the partnering that needs to be demonstrated in order to make the program a success. Kay Spurgeon, Colusa County Superintendent of Schools, shared insights and ideas on what is already being done for School Readiness in Colusa County and gave input and ideas on what she felt would work for Colusa County. The key idea was centered around the 3 components which define "School Readiness": Schools Readiness for Children; Children's Readiness for School; and Ready Families. Ms. Lauppe encouraged participation on a Task Force to put the School Readiness planning idea into motion. The group shared many ideas as to how to begin the process for distribution of School Readiness information. Organizations were invited to join together to develop the Colusa County School Readiness Plan.

4. Announcements and Closing

Caroline Roady announced Colusa County Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC) Mini Grant Application is accepting applications until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications may be picked up at Children's Services, 345 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Colusa.

Ms. Lauppe made available to the group, a letter from The California Endowment giving details of a new 10 million dollar funding program specifically for efforts to improve the health of agricultural workers across the state.

Attendees were invited to share information via the "Resource Table". Ms. Lauppe explained that the Resource Table is made available at each Council meeting to allow information sharing between agencies, communities and groups wishing to publicize events and activities. The Commission would like to encourage all participants to utilize this Resource at each meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, October 30, 2001 at 50 Wintun Road, Colusa. The meeting will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.